



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***SEPTEMBER 3, 2002
12:15 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call.** (Council Members Harris and Dowe were absent.)

A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

File #110-132

(Approved 5-0, Council Members Harris and Dowe were absent.)

A communication from the City Manager requesting that City Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss disposition of publicly-owned property, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

File #2-166

(Approved 5-0, Council Members Harris and Dowe were absent.)

Briefing with regard to Southeast by Design, a housing update. (15 minutes)
(To be conducted following the meeting with Congressman Goodlatte.)

Withdrawn.

Briefing with regard to youth initiatives. (15 minutes)
(To be conducted following the meeting with Congressman Goodlatte.)
Withdrawn.

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE IMMEDIATELY RECONVENED IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 159, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., FOR A JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL AND CONGRESSMAN BOB GOODLATTE. (All Council Members were present.)



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2:00 P.M.***

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1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (All present)

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Maurice D. Diggs, Worship Ministries Pastor, Parkway Wesleyan Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTN Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 7, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Proclamation declaring September 12 – 14, 2002 as United Way – Days of Caring.

File #3

3. CONSENT AGENDA

(APPROVED 7-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, November 6, 2000; 2002-03 Fiscal Year Budget Study Sessions of City Council held on Thursday, May 9, 2002 and Friday, May 10, 2002; and the regular meeting of City Council held on Monday, July 15, 2002.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading thereof and approve as recorded.

- C-2 A communication from Will Trinkle tendering his resignation as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation and receive and file the communication.

File #110-230

- C-3 Qualification of the following persons:

Cheryl D. Evans as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term ending May 31, 2003;

Anne F. Harmon as a member of the City of Roanoke Transportation Safety Commission for a term ending October 31, 2004; and

Barry W. Baird as a member of the Virginia Western Community College, Board of Directors, for a term ending June 30, 2006.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.
File #15-110-304-316-467

REGULAR AGENDA

William H. Lindsey was appointed as a Trustee of the Roanoke City School Board to fill the unexpired term of William E. Skeen, resigned, ending June 30, 2005.
File #110-467

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A communication from Alton F. Knighton, Jr., Attorney, representing the Industrial Development Authority of Craig County, requesting adoption of a measure approving issuance of bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of Craig County, Virginia, for the benefit of the YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc., in the amount of \$9.8 million to construct, renovate and equip two facilities, respectively, to be located in the City of Roanoke and in the City of Salem.

Adopted Resolution No. 36049-090302. (7-0.)
File #32-53-100-207

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. A communication recommending approval of revised guidelines for the Percent-for-Art Program.

**The guidelines were referred back to the City Manager for further refinement, along with Council Member M. Rupert Cutler, Council liaison to the Roanoke Arts Commission.
File #217-230-311-467**

2. A communication recommending appropriation of \$1 million, in connection with relocation of the Roanoke City Public School Transportation Facility, located adjacent to the Public Works Service Center on Courtland Avenue, N. W.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36050-090302. (7-0.)
File #32-60-183-467**

3. A communication recommending acceptance of the bid submitted by John T. Morgan Sheet Metal Co., Inc., in connection with re-roofing the Mechanical Room on the fourth and fifth floors of the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, in the amount of \$125,893.00.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 36051-090302. (7-0.)
File #209**

4. A communication recommending renewal of the contract with Delta Dental Plan of Virginia, to provide dental insurance for government and school employees, effective January 1, 2003.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36052-090302. (7-0.)
File #58-184-467**

5. A communication recommending amendment to the contract with Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co. to remove, transport and dispose of digested lagooned bio-solids from the City's Water Pollution Control Plant, for an additional one-year term, from October 1, 2002 – September 30, 2003.

Adopted Ordinance No. 36053-090302. (7-0.)
File #27-468

b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for the month of July 2002.
Received and filed.
File #1-10

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. A communication from the Roanoke City School Board requesting that Council issue General Obligation Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, in a principle amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, to finance rehabilitation of the present school building at Lincoln Terrace Elementary School. Richard A. Kelley, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Roanoke City Public Schools. Spokesperson.

Adopted Resolution No. 36054-090302. (7-0.)
File #53-467

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. A Resolution designating a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the National League of Cities on Saturday, December 7, 2002, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Adopted Resolution No. 36055-090302. (7-0.)
File #132-228

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Council Member Carder, Chair, Taste of the Blue Ridge Blues and Jazz Festival, presented T-shirts and information regarding activities which will be held on September 13-15, 2002.

File #317

Council Member Wyatt called attention to the death of Mr. Terrance Tootoo, a member of the Roanoke Express hockey team, on Thursday, August 29, 2002. She advised that a memorial service will be held at the Roanoke Civic Center on the Wednesday, September 4, 2002, and asked that a proclamation in memory of Mr. Tootoo be presented by the Mayor's Office.

File #367

Council Member Cutler congratulated the City of Roanoke Fire Department upon achieving national accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, Inc.

File #70

Council Member Cutler advised that the Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee will host a presentation by Ian Lockwood, Senior Transportation Engineer for Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin Lopez Rinehart, Inc., with regard to traffic calming, on Thursday, September 19, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lucy Addison Middle School Auditorium.

File #20-488

The Mayor called attention to a tribute to Don Reno and Red Smiley, former citizens of Roanoke who were influential in country music, on September 14, 2002. For more information regarding the event, he encouraged that citizens telephone the Mayor's Office.

File #317

Council Member Dowe called attention to the death of Ms. Grace Taubman, a long time resident of the City of Roanoke, and asked that the Taubman family be remembered in prayer.

File #367

- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.
- c. **Council reappointed William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance; Troy A. Harmon, Municipal Auditor; and Mary F. Parker, City Clerk, for two year terms of office, commencing October 1, 2002 and ending September 30, 2004.**
File #1-15-38-83-280

11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Mr. Leon Whitmer, 106 Trinkle Avenue, N. E., presented a petition signed by approximately 102 citizens requesting removal of the signs that prohibit left turns on Williamson Road at Preston, Trinkle and Christian Avenues, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

File #20

Mr. Ralph Hayes, 2132 Carver Avenue, N. E., addressed the tobacco tax. He stated that the tobacco tax is bad for the economy and some citizens cannot afford to pay the additional tax. He inquired as to how funds derived from tobacco settlements and the lottery have been used.

File #79

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City Manager advised that the Governor has declared a drought emergency throughout the State of Virginia and has imposed a number of

restrictions on localities; however, it is not anticipated that there will be additional restrictions on residents of the City of Roanoke at this time due to previous restrictions authorized by Council. She advised that the new Muse Spring well is on line and operating as of this afternoon.

File #468

The City Manager called attention to numerous activities which have been planned for citizens of the community on September 11 in memory of the events and those persons who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

File #367

(Vice-Mayor Harris left the meeting.)

The meeting was declared in recess for one closed session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (6-0)

The following persons were reappointed/appointed to Council-Appointed Committees:

Special Events Committee

Wanda E. English for a term ending June 30, 2003.

File #317

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority

William D. Bestpitch and Elizabeth A. Neu for terms ending September 24, 2003.

File #15-526

Fair Housing Board

Raymond Debose, Jr., for a term ending March 31, 2006.

File #15-178

City of Roanoke Transportation Safety Commission

Ben A. Burch, III, for a term ending October 31, 2008.

File #15-20

War Memorial Committee

Philip C. Schirmer for a term ending June 30, 2003.

File #518